

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 15, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 515, HB 516, HB 517, HB 518, HB 519, HB 544, HB 545, HB 546, HB 547, 3/29/1999
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 515

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Grinde, HD 94 introduced HB 515.

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Proponents' Testimony: Jason Gardner, Billings Paramedic

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 193 - 220}

Tom Rowe, Composting business from Great Falls

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 220 - 248}

Mike Uderian, Stanford Const. Co.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 252}

Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 252 - 299}

Darrel Hutchinson, pilot. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 299 - 330}

Terry Manazrich, Aviation Co. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a07)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 364}

Jeff Pyfe, MT Telecommunications Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 364 - 400}

Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 412}

Riley Johnson, National Federal of Independent Businessmen.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 412 - 438}

Opponents' Testimony: Jane Jalinski, Montana Assn of Counties. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 438 - 500}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 50}

Jack Moore, Stillwater County

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 92}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - 131}

Gene Fenderson, Montana Joint Highway and Heavy Const.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 131 - 157}

Lois Menges, Governors Office. **EXHIBIT** (buh37a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 157 - 217}

Jeff Lynch, Butte/Silver Bow

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 217 - 264}

Paul Patton, City of Great Falls,

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 264 - 278}

Janet Kelly, Custer County Commissioners **EXHIBIT** (buh37a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 278 - 326}

Tom Earl, Stillwater County.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 326 - 337}

Phil Campbell, MEA and Montana Federation of Teachers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 337 - 347}

Rich Griffith, Montana Airport Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 347 - 360}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 360 - 370}

Bill Fogerty, Border Patrol of Montana **EXHIBIT** (buh37a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 370 - 381}

Art Laramie, Butte/Silver Bow

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 381 - 390}

Mary Allen, Granite and Powell County

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 390 - 400}

Doug Leo, Montana State Farmers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 419}

Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 419 - 430}

Mayor of Helena, Colleen McCarthy

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 430 - 440}

Jani McCall, City of Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 440 - 443}

Beth Baker, Dept of Justice **EXHIBIT**(buh37a06)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 443 - 458}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Sliter questions Lynch

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 458 - 487}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Grinde closed SB 515.

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HEARING ON HB 516, HB 517, HB 518, HB 519

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Grinde, HD 94 introduced HB 516, HB 517, HB 518 and HB 519.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 129 - 349}

Proponents' Testimony:Richard Smith, Missoula. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a08)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 349 - 399}

Gary Leeyance, IHRSA Bozeman, MT **EXHIBIT**(buh37a09)

EXHIBIT(buh37a10)

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Ron Muri, Billings Health Club **EXHIBIT**(buh37a11)

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Pat Hollar, Missoula Health Club

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Dick Dennison, Missoula Health Club **EXHIBIT**(buh37a12)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 80 - 145}

Riley Johnson, National Federal of Independent Businessmen.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 145 - 154}

Mike Foster, Montana Contractors Assn.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Ward Shannahan, Montana Catholic Diocese **EXHIBIT**(buh37a19)

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Shawn Jenke, Bozeman Deaconess Health Services **EXHIBIT**(buh37a13)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 265}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn.

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David Falber, CEO, Central Montana Medical Center.

EXHIBIT(buh37a14)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 311 - 320}

Dick Croft, Comm. of Higher Education

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 320 - 351}

Mike Munch, St. Pete's Hospital. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a15)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 351 - 370}

Evan Barrett, MT Development Assn.

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Debi Patch, YMCA, Helena, MT

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 435}

Good Samaritan Thrift Store **EXHIBIT**(buh37a16)

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Gail Evans, Masonic Home, Helena, MT **EXHIBIT**(buh37a17)

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Darrel Ehrlick, Billings Deaconess Hospital and Billings Clinic.

EXHIBIT(buh37a18)

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Jack Ellert, Billings Deaconess Foundation.

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Bill Roberts, Helena Industries.

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Sharon Oden, Vice Pres of Easter Seals.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 67 - 96}

St. Peters Hospital Administration

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 96 - 125}

Jim Baker, Salvation Army **EXHIBIT**(buh37a20)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 125 - 138}

Steve Browning, Montana Hospital Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 138 - 145}

Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Childens Assn.

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Jim Davidson, Local Development Foundation

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 152}

Don McClair, Estate Manager

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 152 - 155}

Joel Kaleva, Tax Assn

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 155 - 160}

Jim Stipcich, MHESAC **EXHIBIT**(buh37a21)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 160 - 183}

Jeff Studle, Butte, MT **EXHIBIT**(buh37a23)

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Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 188 - 191}

Tom Ebzery, St. Vincent's and Miles City Hospital

EXHIBIT(buh37a22)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 191 - 195}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Society

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Bookout, Squires, Brown, Lawson, Bitney and Simon

Questions witnesses.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Grinde closed HB 516, HB 517, HB 518 and HB 519.

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HEARING ON HB 544, HB 545, HB 546

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Gallus, HD 35 introduces HB 544, 545 and 546.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 64}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: Rose Hughes, MT Health Care Providers.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 64 - 251}

Scott Creighton, American Civil Liberties Union.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 251 - 354}

Doug Foss, Liberty County Nursing Home.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 354 - 391}

Bob Olsen, MHA

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 391 - 431}

Christie Schwitzer, Montana Trial Lawyers

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 431 - 449}

Bill McCarthy, Eagles Manor

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 449 - 481}

Informational Witness: Larry Fasbender, Dept. of Justice

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Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh37a24)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Simon, and Juneau questions Rep. Gallus

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 89 - 124}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Gallus closed HB 544, 545, 546

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 124 - 161}

HEARING ON HB 547

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Gallus, HD 35, introudces HB 547.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 161 - 212}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witness: Mary Bryson, Dept. of Revenue
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 212 - 232}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Gallus closed SB 547.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh37aad)